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A CHINESE NEW-YEAR'S GIFT.



It has been long customary in every Country in Europe, and elsewhere, on the Entrance of the Year, to present Youth with Books of Instruction, relating to Religious and Moral Duties, and to their general Conduct in Life: A Practice approved by the greatest of our Ancestors, and especially those of younger Years, of the Benefit arising from a steady Adherence to Virtue and Morality.

The History of CHINA has lately been pretty generally read: And tho' some Writers have laboured to make the Chinese Politicks, it will, I believe, be allowed, that the Moral Precepts with which the Empire abounds deserve equal, if not superior Praise. I shall therefore present my Readers with Extracts from these, in which, I think, the Simplicity of the Eastern Sage is finely preserv'd: If any of the Sentiments should be thought too plain, it ought to be remember'd that the Glory of the Oriental Philosophers consisted in conveying in a Manner All might understand, and which calculated for the Improvement of All.

The Ladies, I fear, will, at first, be unable to think some of the following Observations severe: But if, on being duly weigh'd, they find just, they will not lose their Approbation; and, if they do not merit it: Some Allowance must, necessarily, be made for Time and Place; but, in regard, Virtue at Peking and in London are the same; and some of my Fair Readers will be at a Loss how to apply these Lessons to our own Soil, by applying them here said of the Silk Worms to the Fleecy of our own Island, &c.

ALC. SIDNEY.

WHAT a bad Tendency has the irregular Affections of Parents? How many do we see, who lose their Children for fear of disobligeing them; who grant all they ask, and approve of all they do? But what are the Consequences of this Liberty? They are soften'd by Luxury, relish Pleasure, and either exhaust their Fortunes by their Profuseness, or ruin their Health by their Debaucheries. Our Philosophers say Money destroys Liberty; but, in reality, the Parents contribute to their Destruction, by whom the Money is given.

The Duty of a new-married Wife is to pay a respectful Obedience to her Husband's Parents; to be in perfect Union with her Sisters-in-Law; to love her Husband; to instruct her Children; to be merciful to her Servants; to prepare Silk and to be frugal and laborious; to support her Husbands and Reproaches with Patience; not to run to Common Fame, nor the Affairs of her Neighbours: These are Lessons should be learned when a Daughter is offered in Marriage. But what is the Consequence of the Want of such Instruction? Their whole Attention will be exercised in adorning their Heads gracefully, in laying on their Hair with Art, in rendering their Attire and their Persons agreeable, in fixing skilfully their Hair and their Pendants for their Ears;—and the Whole of their Attainments will be no more than a Knowledge how to eclipse their natural Beauty by a ridiculous Combination of unnatural Ornaments.

When a Marriage is going forward, the Harmony of Temper and Disposition in the Contracting Couple ought to be principally considered; for nothing is more necessary than a Conformity between their Inclinations and Humour: But how frequently are these Considerations neglected, with a View to slighter Conveniences!

In Marriage a young Man ought principally to be at finding, in a virtuous Companion, the Assistance necessary for the prudent Management of a Family:—A Maiden ought to seek a firm Support in a wise and faithful Husband. When this Plan is followed, there is small Doubt of Conjugal Happiness.

However prudent your Wife may be, let her not

meddle with your Affairs abroad; whatever Talents your Servants may have, acquaint them with nothing that concerns only your Wife and yourself.

Give no Admittance into your Houses to Beggars, nor to a certain Sort of old Women who sell Ornaments for the Head, Needles, Pendants, artificial Flowers, or Medicines; nor to Go-betweenes in Marriage-affairs: Their chief Profit arise from collecting Stories from all Families into which they are admitted for the Entertainment of your Wives and Daughters: But this is not the greatest Mischief they do; they often give a Relish for Libertinism and Gallantry, and ought therefore to be carefully avoided.

When one perceives that a Family rises early in the Morning, we may conclude the House is well-govern'd, and free from Debauches over Night: But where Feasting begins in the Evening, and the Beds are inhabited at open Day, Ruin is at hand.

Great Sorrow often succeeds extraordinary Joy: A moderate Fortune is the best Foundation of lasting Tranquillity; and tho' you should be reduced to Poverty, you need not be less happy.

The Master of a Family ought to have his Eye to every thing, and may then say to himself, — If I am careful and vigilant, dare my Dependants be slothful? If I am frugal, who dares be extravagant? If I regard only the common Good, who dares pursue their private Interest? If I am open and sincere, who dares play the Hypocrite? — For, as the Perfection of a Man's Heart is never to offend Heaven, the Perfection of his Behaviour is to set a good Example.

'Tis natural to love Prosperity, Plenty and Honour; but there are few know how to enjoy these: Prudence and Knowledge can alone preserve Riches, which soon fly where these are wanting.

Women and Maids are now seen to look thro' a Lattice at the Plays: They leave these Lattices pretty soon, that the Guests may have a Glimpse of their Persons; there are some who even contrive to show their little Shoes, and to examine thro' the Holes of the Skreen the Air and Manners of the Company; they are heard to talk to each other, and to laugh aloud: The Eyes of the Comedians penetrate the Lattice, and the Hearts of the Guests fly thither also: — and, what is yet worse, these Plays, which ought to represent the worthy Actions of a faithful Subject, an obedient Son, or a Pattern of Chastity and Justice, are sometimes mingled with amorous Intrigues and criminal Commerce, the Consequences of which are dangerous to the Female Sex, and greatly to be feared.

When in the Ladies Apartment you do not hear the Singing of Pieces taken from Plays, nor the Tone of the Comedians counterfeited, it is a Mark of Regularity and Virtue.

There are a Sort of Women who run from House to House, bearing a little Drum, till somebody stops them; sometimes they sing Verses, sometimes relate a Story, which they accompany with Actions calculated to divert; their Style is plain and popular, and they require but a trifling Reward for their Pains: The Women and young Girls are greatly pleas'd with these Songsters; at first they are only suffer'd to sing in the outward Court, then they are brought in; the Scene begins by Repetitions teaching only Virtue; from this they insensibly proceed to Gallantry: They relate the Misfortune of two young Persons who love each other, without an Opportunity of expressing their mutual Flame: The Women listen with Attention; their Hearts are affected with Tenderness; they sigh, and even sometimes weep: But what is at length the Event of this, but secret Libertines and criminal Pleasures? What fatal Impressions does this dangerous Amusement make upon young Minds? How can they be reconciled to the Precepts our ancient Sages have left for the Management of the Fair Sex! who have strictly enjoin'd, that they bear nothing that is in the least Degree offensive to Modesty, nor have any Object that is obscene exhibited to their Sight.

COUNTRY NEWS.

Derby, Dec. 27. One of the 1000l Prizes that were drawn in the Bridge Lottery last Week, we hear, fell

to William Osborne, Esq; in this Town; on which Account he made handsome Presents to all his Servants.

Colchester, Dec. 28. Early Yesterday Morning dy'd at his House in St. Peter's Parish in this Town, Mr. Thomas Carew, an eminent Apothecary, one of the Aldermen of this Corporation, and several times Mayor thereof.

A few Days ago the Body of Geo. Pryor, of South Church in the Hundred of Rochford, was found in a Pond some Distance from his House, having been robb'd and murder'd. His Skull seem'd to have been broke with a large Hammer, and the Coroner's Jury having fate on the Body, brought in their Verdict Wilful Murder. The Persons charg'd with having committed this cruel Fact are James Ashton, alias Ashen, and Lewis Pymont, two young Men who lived in the said Parish, but deserted on Pryor's being miss'd. Ashton is tall and thin, and went off in a Leather Jacket, a Great-coat, and lightish Wig. Pymont is slender, and much pitted with the Small-Pox, and greatly addicted to Swearing. The Deceased was a single Man, and had saved about 100 l. in Money, which the Villains carried off. About the time Pryor was miss'd, Ashton was seen at Rayleigh, where he bought a small fix'd Horse, and shew'd the Company about 30 l. he had in his Pocket. The Rev. Mr. Davis, Rector of the said Parish, offers a Reward of 10 l. and the Parish Officers 30 l. to any Person who shall secure the two Men before-named.

Bristol, Dec. 29. Thursday Morning about one or two o' Clock, a dreadful Fire broke out in the Candle-house belonging to Mr. Capel, Tallow-chandler in the Old-market, and did some considerable Damage to his Stock and Out-house before it could be extinguished.

HOME PORTS.

Deal, Dec. 30. Wind E. blows hard, and terrible Weather. Remains in the Downs his Majesty's Ship the Chatham, with the Dutch Ship from East India.

P. S. Just now we have an Account, that a Dutch East India Ship, outward-bound, is lost on the Goodwin Sands; will send her Name next Post.

L O N D O N.

Yesterday dy'd at his Chambers in Lincoln's-Inn new Square, George Clive, Esq; Curator Baren of the Exchequer. He had but just eaten his Dinner, and was in seeming good Health till within a few Minutes of his Death.

The Rev. Mr. Samuel Fremout is presented by John Bridges, Esq; to the Rectory of Wootton in Kent, void by the Death of the Rev. Mr. Janeway.

Yesterday the Ode for New Years Day, compos'd by Colley Cibber, Esq; Poet Laureat to his Majesty, and set to Musick by Dr. Green, Master of his Majesty's Band of Musick, was rehearsed at the Golden-lion Tavern at Temple-bar. The vocal Part by the Gentlemen belonging to his Majesty's Chapel Royal, and the Instrumental Parts by his Majesty's Band of Musick. And this Day the same will be performed before his Majesty in the Great Council Chamber at St. James's.

Yesterday the following Prizes were drawn in the Bridge Lottery, viz No. 13546, 43997, 35031, 13113, 4510, 35342, 2571, 62300, 6434, 37412, each 100 l. No. 55711, 16184, 64554, 770, 22863, 46181, 49602, 53555, 48679, 35507, 26999, 17582, 40469, 34422, 34594, 49952, 54679, 20448, each 50 l.

On Thursday next begins the General Quarter Session of the Peace for the City and Liberty of Westminster at Westminsterhall.

Yesterday Six Months Pay was issued out at the Pay-office at Whitehall for the Staff-officers in Great Britain, Minorca and Gibraltar, to the 24th of June 1739.

On Sunday Night last about 9 o' Clock, a Man about 60 Years of Age was found dead in Pensioners-alley in King-street Westminster, suppos'd to have perish'd for Want; as were also two aged Men by the Water-side at White-friers, and two Women in Old-freet, all thro' excessive Cold and for Want of Nourishment.

His Grace the Duke of Argyle, Master of his Majesty's Ordnance, has appointed John Chambers, Esq; Lieutenant

Lieutenant of the Artillery, to be Master of the Pontoon in the Marines.

Mr. Gearing, of Crown-court Westminster, is appointed Agent to Col. Douglas's Regiment of Marines.

The River Thames by the great Frost is frozen over in many Places, inasmuch that Boats, Barges, Lighters, &c. cannot pass and repairs out of the West Country.

And Yesterday great Numbers of London Gunners assembled at the several Stairs leading to the Thames, to shoot Ducks, Gulls, and Road Geese, which appeared in great Plenty; and many of them were killed, tho' none could be brought off, the Frost not yet having prevented the Currency of the Tide. Dogs were of no Use to the bringing them off, the Edges of the Ice on which the Birds settled, being too weak for the Dogs to get up by.

A Poor Woman Yesterday returning to Stratford from Leadenhall-market, had the Misfortune to be thrown down by some Foot-ball Players in White-chapel, and had one of her Legs broke.

Yesterday Morning a Woman was found dead in a Ditch, in one of the Fields near Hoxon. There were no Marks of Violence on her, and some Persons from whom she departed the Evening before saying she was greatly intoxicated, 'tis likely she mis'd her Way, fell asleep, and was froze to Death.

A poor Man without either Money or Friends, on Friday Night last was oblig'd to take up his Lodging on a Laystall in Tyburn-Road, and was on Saturday Morning found dead thereon; altho' he had cover'd himself over with Dung and loose Litter.

The Hon. Col. William Herbert, Brother to the Earl of Pembroke, is appointed Pay-master of Gibraltar, in the Room of his Brother Col. Thomas Herbert, deceased.

We hear that Captain-Lieutenant Littleear, is appointed Colonel of the Company in the First Regiment of Foot-Guards, in the Room of the Hon. Col. Thomas Herbert, deceased.

And that Capt. Buckcombe is appointed Captain-Lieutenant of the said Regiment, in the Room of Col. Littleear.

Last Saturday died at his House in Crown and Sceptre Court, St. James's Street, Capt. Robert Dingley, Gentleman-Usur to her Royal Highness the Princess Amelia.

Last Sunday Three Gentlemen Coaches and Six, attended by several Persons on Horseback, were robb'd on Hounslow-Heath by Two Highwaymen.

The same Day one Birch, a Porter, was found dead on a Bulk in St. James's Market, supposed to have been starved to Death.

Yesterday Morning died, at his House in Tavistock Street, near Hanover-square, Samuel Burton, Esq; a Gentleman possess'd of a plentiful Estate.

This being New-Year's Day the same will be observed at Court as a High Festival, when the Knights Companions of the Most Noble Order of the Garter, Thistle, and Bath, will appear in the Collars of their respective Orders.

High Water this Day	Morning	Evening
at London Bridge.	03 58	04 18

Bank Stock 139. India 159. South Sea 97 1-half. Old Annuity 109 3-4ths. New ditto 110 3-4ths. Five per Cent. ditto 95 3-4ths. Royal Assurance 88. London Assurance 111 1-4th. African 13 1-half. India Bonds 41. 10 s. Prem. South Sea ditto — Bank Circulation 21. 17 s. 6 d. Prem. Salt Tallow 1-half to 1 Prem. English Copper 21. 6 s. 6 d. Welsh ditto 15 s. Three 1-half per Cent. Exchequer Orders 101. Three per Cent. ditto 95. Million Bank 114. Equivalent 112 1-8th. Lottery Tickets 71. 15 s.

Lewis Barbar and James Barbar, Gun-makers, are removed from the Cross Guns in Pallmall, to the Cross Guns in Dover-street, the Third Door on the Right Hand from Piccadilly.

Stolen the 24th of last Month from the Stable of Mr. John Boulton at Charridge Farm in Winckfield near Windsor, Berks, a Black Cart-Mare, eight Years old, about fifteen Hands or fifteen Hands and a half high, with a Star in her Forehead, a little White in her Poll, a Sort of a Swift Tail, well spread behind, and a good Forehand, and a large wide Foot and a very wide Heel.

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